

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 16th December 2022. Multiple page issue.



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the final Headteacher's Blog of 2022 as school will be closed next Friday. It has been an extremely busy year and it has been lovely to be part of so many exciting learning experiences with the children and monitor some fantastic pupil progress across the school which we look forward to developing even further in the New Year. We will return to school on Monday 9th January 2023 and our first weeks back already have lots of things planned including our Barter Books Readers Treat, Grand Opening of our new learning space, Parents Information sessions on Maths, Phonics and Reading, Class 3 Dance Day and performance to parents, Reception Class Stay and Play, Coffee and Chat, Class 2 assembly, Adventure Babies Toddler sessions and a PTA Disco! Please don't forget the easy way to keep up to date with all our events in school is to access our school website calendar <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions on how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments.

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Thank you Mrs Arkle

The children and staff greatly enjoyed their delicious, freshly prepared Christmas lunches this week. Photos will be up on our Main School Gallery of the school website shortly



Making Every Contact Count

As a staff we are happy to help support children and their families in a range of ways. To help us to this more efficiently we will be taking part in some training next term so we can learn to signpost families to support and services more efficiently. If you would like to find out further information yourself please see- <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/making-every-contact-count/>

After School Club

As you will know from the school website calendar, the last ASC for this school year was Thursday 15th December. Following feedback from this term I have taken this opportunity to review our provision and we are going to offer Mondays as STEM club 3.15-4.15 where the children will take part in fun scientific and technological experiments and then from 4.15 it will be a chance for the children to eat their snack and relax with less focussed activities.

If Tuesdays go ahead this will be Arts and Crafts 3.15-4.15 where the children will get the chance to really develop their creative skills and produce an item at the end of the clubs.

Payment will need to be based on the whole half term whether your child attends or not as we cannot afford to run it in any other way.

If you do need a drop in, one off session on the day(s) we run club(s) this will be available depending on space and will be £10 per child 3.15-5.30 or £5 per child 3.15-4.15. Please note -the office needs to know beforehand and will confirm the place if available.

Lunchtime clubs were popular in the summer so I will trial (if there is enough interest) a choir one day per week from January (no charge for this) and we will also be re-introducing Sports Clubs in Spring 2.

Already booked is Newcastle Thunder coaching for Years 3-6 and I hope to develop this further if the interest is there.

For all communication regarding ASC places please email me directly belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk

Performances next week.

As you will see from the posters attached there are 3 showings of the KS2 performance on Monday with the morning showing being for toddlers and babies so that the afternoon and evening performances can be enjoyed without worrying about disturbing the performance. As there is only one showing all are welcome to the Early Years and Class 1 performance. Also, please join us for our Christingle on Thursday at 1.30p.m.

THE BIG LITTLE NATIVITY



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The children from Early Years and Class 1 would love to invite you to their performance: 'The Big Little Nativity' in Whittingham Memorial Hall on Tuesday 20th December starting at 2p.m. (Doors open 1.30p.m.) We will not be selling tickets or reserving seats but there will be a donations plate so you can 'Pay What You Can' to help us cover the costs of hiring the hall and a raffle.

Cinderella & Rockerfella

A Panto-style musical by Mark & Helen Johnson
Script by Sue Langwade



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The children from Class 2 and Class 3 are excited to invite you to their performances of: 'Cinderella Rockafella' in Whittingham Memorial Hall on Monday 19th December.

There will be multiple performances so that all the family can attend.

If you have a baby or toddler and would like to bring them please only to the dress rehearsal on **Monday 19th December at 10.30a.m. (Doors open 10.15a.m.)**

Afternoon performance open to school aged children and adults is at **2p.m. (Doors open at 1.30p.m.)**

Evening performance open to school aged children and adults is at (Please bring children who are performing back to the hall for 5.15p.m.) **5.30 p.m. (Doors open at 5p.m.)**

We will not be selling tickets or reserving seats so please arrive early to avoid disappointment as we are limited to numbers due to fire regulations).

There will be a donations plate so you can 'Pay What You Can' to help us cover the costs of putting on a performance and hiring the hall as well as a raffle.

*Christingle Service Thursday 22nd
December at 1.30 p.m. in St
Bartholomew's Church.*



*Join us in a final time of togetherness
and festive celebration before the end
of term. Please note we will also be
breaking up for the Christmas
Holidays on this day.*



Following the success of our Storytime Adventures in Early Years and our recent Stay and Play we would like to tell you about a really exciting venture we have planned for the New Year!

Working with Adventure Babies we are going to be offering a monthly Stay and Play session to families with children who have had their 2nd birthday to come to our lovely school hall for a Story Time session with Ashleigh followed by a chance to meet new people and have a catch up in our new learning space whilst having a snack and drink.

The session will be 9.30 -10.15 in the school hall followed by snack and drink until 10.45.

Sessions will be on Fridays: 27th Jan, 10th February Friday 24th March, 28th April, 26th May, 30th June and 21st July.

Places will be limited to 9 2plus year olds per session as we will be inviting our nursery children to attend (parents welcome too) on a rotation basis.

We are aware that times are hard financially and have secured funding to enable the price per toddler (parents/ carers come free) to be only £2.50 per session.

Please contact the school office on 01665574222 to confirm a place.

